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ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

Ministers and their Residences,

WITH THE YEAR IN WHICH EACH MINISTER COMMENCED TRAVELLING, THE PERIOD OF HIS APPOINTMENT IN THE CIRCUIT IN WHICH HE NOW LABOURS, AND ALSO HIS POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

No. of years on pres. cir.	Commenced travelling.	Ministers and their addresses.
2		Adams, L. P., *Dunham*, Cowansville P. O., C. E.
1	1850	Adkins T. O., *Goderich Mission.*
	1831	Brennan, J., *Hamilton P. O.*
2	1834	Bell James, *Waterford*, Waterford P. O., C. W.
2		Bursall H., *Potton*, Mansonville P. O., C. E.
1	1849	Bettes D., *Welland Canal*, St. Catharines P. O., C. W.
3	1850	Baskerville J., *Sydenham*, East Holland P. O., C. W.
	1850	Bell John, super., *Trafalgar*, Milton P. O., C. W.
1	1850	Barnett W., *Lansdown*, Lansdown P. O., C. W.
	1844	Bothwell W., super., *Barton*, Hamilton P. O., C. W.
		Brown B. P., local elder.
		Bloomfield R., local elder, *Hornby P. O.*
1	1844	Caswell J., *Whitchurch*, Whitchurch P. O., Yonge Street.
	1845	Childs C., super., *London*, London P. O., C. W.
2	1848	Curry C., *Brock*, Pefferlaw P. O., C. W.
1	1852	Crawford J., *Ancaster*, Waterdown P. O.
	1830	Cole T., local elder, *Brock.*
	1829	Cope C., local elder, *Ancaster.*
1	1852	Doel J., *Waterford*, Waterford P. O., C. W.
1	1853	Duff C., *Prince Edward*, Picton P. O., C. W.
1	1842	Goldsmith T., *Toronto*, Toronto P. O., C. W.
	1834	Garry R., loc. el., *Drummond*, Port Elmsley P. O., Perth.
2	1845	Gowan N. C., *St. Thomas*, St. Thomas P. O., C. W.
		Geare J., local elder.
2	1849	Gundy W., *Cavan*, Cavan P. O., C. W.
2	1852	Gaddis J., *Marlborough*, Richmond P. O.
1	1839	Howard T. T., *Hamilton.*
	1833	Haney J., local elder.
1	1844	Histon J., *Prince Edward*, Picton P. O., C. W.
	1843	Haynes F., super., *Welland Canal.*
2	1842	Hunt F., *Bolton*, Georgeville P. O., C. E.
1	1833	Hales J., *Drummond*, Perth P. O.
2	1844	Haigh B., *Norwich*, Tilsonb'g P.O., Dereham, Oxford, C.W.
3	1847	Jefferis T. M., *Trafalgar*, Hornby P. O., C. W.

No. of years on pres. cir.	Commenced travelling.	Ministers and their addresses.
1	1853	Johnston R., *St. Thomas*, St. Thomas P. O.
1	1849	Kershaw J. B., *Ancaster*, Waterdown P. O.
		Kimball H. M., local elder, *Dunham*.
1	1852	Langford G. *Caledon*, Erin P. O., C. W.
3	1831	McClure W., *London*, London P. O., Box 55, C. W.
		Martin W , local elder, *Nassagaweya*.
		Marshal J., local elder, Elizabethtown Circuit.
1	1850	McAllister J., *York*, Yorkville P. O., C. W.
2		Ogden T., *Stukely*, Stukely Mills, C. E.
1	1850	Oates J., Blanshard, St. Mary's P. O., C. W.
	1841	Powers F., super., *Dunham*, Cowansville P. O., C. E.
1	1847	Preston W., *London North*, Elginfield P. O.
	1830	Reid J., *Caledon*, local elder.
	1830	Robinson J. H., Gen. Sup. of Missions, *Toronto P. O.*
3	1840	Robinson W., *Manvers*, Manvers P. O., C. W.
	1837	Rump T., super., *Welland Canal*, St. Catharines P. O.
2	1846	Rolston D. D., *Oxford*, Oxford Mills P. O., C. W.
1	1846	Reid T., *Crosby*, Beverly P. O., Johnstown, C. W.
		Ramage, supernumerary, *Waterford*.
1	1829	Shilton J., *Arthur*, North Arthur P. O., C. W.
3	1841	Simpson J., Elizabethtown, North Augusta P. O., C. W.
1	1850	Savage D., *London*, London P. O., C. W.
1	1850	Shaw J., *Barton*, Hamilton P. O., C. W.
	1830	Sheldon J., local elder.
		Smith A., local elder.
		Stone W. G., super.
	1841	Vanorman E., supernum., Tilsonburgh, Dereham, Oxford.
1	1853	Vining J., *Cayuga*, Duck Danesville P. O., C. W.
2	1834	Wilkinson J., *Newcastle*, Cobourg P. O., C. W.
2	1843	Wilkinson H., *Howard*, Clearville P. O.
3	1844	Williams E., *Malahide*, Vienna P. O., C. W.
1	1833	Warran J. C., *Fitzroy*, Packenham P. O.
3	1843	Weaver F. G., *Lake Erie Mission*, Port Maitland P. O.
1	1850	Wright A., *Crosby*, Beverly P. O., Johnstown.
1	1849	Watts J. C., *Nassagaweya*, Nassagaweya P. O., C. W.
2	1850	Whitcomb O., *Henrysburgh*, Lacolle, C. E.
1	1853	Webb W., *Manvers*, Manvers P. O.
		Clarke, *Durham—Brant P. O. C, W.*

MINUTES, &c.

According to appointment of the Annual Conference held in Bethel Chapel, Welland Canal, June 1st, 1852, the Conference met in Temperance Street Church, Toronto, 1st June, 1853.

Question I.

Who compose the present Conference?

Answer.

LONDON DISTRICT.

London, ... W. McClure, Mark Burgess.
Waterford, ... James Bell, Oliver Blake.
St. Thomas, ... N. C. Gowan, John Lawlor.
Norwich, ... B. Haigh, P. T. Johnson.
Malahide, ... Elias Williams, Geo. Anker.
Howard, ... H. Wilkinson.
London and Blanchard, ... J. B. Kershaw.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Hamilton, ... T. Goldsmith, M. Aikman.
Ancaster, ... W. Barnett, Gilbert C. Fields.
Barton, ... J. C. Watts, Abraham Neff.
Welland Canal, ... T. Rump, A. T. Colver,
Nassagaweya, ... D. Bettes, Jacob Chapman.
Cayuga, ... W. Preston, Robert Decew.
Arthur, Owen Sound, ... T. O. Adkins, Wm. Cushing.
Sydenham, O. S. ..... J. Baskerville, H. Cardwell.
Durham, ... James Scott.

Lake Erie Mission,.....F. G. Weaver, G. Calbick.
Waterloo,.....J. Shaw, George C. Clemmens.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Toronto City,.....D. Savage, John Doel.
Yorkville,.....T. Reed, James Dobson.
Trafalgar, ...T. M. Jeffreys, S. D. Kenney.
Caledon,.....A. Wright, W. Wansbro.
Whitchurch,.....T. T. Howard, T. Cosford.
Brock, ...C. Curry, C. McEnern.

CAVAN DISTRICT.

Cavan, ...W. Gundy, Richard Sutton.
Newcastle, ...J. Wilkinson, W. Gillespie.
Prince Edward,.....J. Oates, Peter Rose.
Manvers, ...W. Robinson, T. Hamilton.

JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.

Lansdowne, ...J. Shilton, W. Harkeness.
Elizabethtown, ...J. Simpson, Thomas Hill.
Oxford, ...D. D. Rolston.
Crosby,.....James Hales, W. Mulragh.
Drummond, ...R. Garry.
Fitzroy, ...By Letter.
Marlbro, ...James Gaddes, A. Brownley.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

Rev. J. Histon,.....Representative of Eastern District.

OFFICERS OF THE CONNEXION.

Rev. J. H. Robinson,.....*General Superintendent.*
" W. McClure, ...*Assistant.*
Mr. T. Lottridge,.....*Treasurer.*
" R. H. Brett,.....*Financial Secretary.*
Rev. T. T. Howard,.....*Mission Secretary.*

The following brethren, being Elders, were entitled to a seat in Conference, but, with the exception of R. Garry, were not present :—

R. Bloomfield, B. P. Brown, T. Cole, C. Cope, R. Garry, J. Gear, I. Haney, H. M. Kimball, T. Marshall, W. Martin, J. Sheldon, and A. Smith.

Question II. *Have the characters of the Ministers been examined ?*

Answer. They have, according to rule.

Question III. *What preachers have been received into full connexion ?*

Answer. J. C. Watts and J. B. Kershaw.

Question IV. *Who have been ordained Elders ?*

Answer. J. Shaw, J. Baskerville, D. Savage, and G. Langford.*

Question V. *Who remain on trial ?*

Answer. B. P. Brown, (who has travelled four years) J. Oates, T. O. Adkins, J. Baskerville, A. Wright, J. Shaw, W. Barnett, John Bell, D. Bettes, D. Savage, J. McAllister, O. Whitcombe, (who have travelled three years,) J. Doel, J. Crawford, G. Langford, and J. Gaddes, who have travelled one year.

Question VI. *Who are received on trial ?*

Answer. C. Duff, W. Webb, R. Johnston, J. Scott.

Question VII. *Who have desisted ?*

Answer. J. G. Breakenridge and T. Brown.

Question VIII. *Who has died during the year ?*

Answer. James Williams,—

Brother James Williams, was a native of the State of New York, Saratoga County ; became a subject of the converting Grace of God when about 20 years of age ; (under the ministry of Father Dunham, supposed to be the second Methodist Minister that was sent to Canada, from the United

* Ordained for special purposes

States,) was a licensed Preacher when Elder Henry Ryan organized the C. W. body in Canada in 1829, and is believed to be the first name enrolled on the list of preachers at the time of the organization. Intending to travel, but being then far advanced in years, he only travelled two years, when he was obliged to retire, and gradually declined in health, both of body and mind until February 1853, when being within a few weeks of his eighty-fourth year, "He Died," without a shadow of doubt, the death of the righteous. Remarkable all his days for that tenderness of heart, which bows before the Lord; child like simple, yet God-like sincere; most modest and unassuming, he seemed scarcely to know what arrogancy or ostentation meant, such was his demeanor till death. Feeling, however, as he did, for the sufferings of his friend, Elder Ryan, and well acquainted with the causes that produced them, he conceived it to be his duty to risk his reputation in the attempt at least, to plant the standard of moral reform in Canada. In unison with a sect (at that time) every where spoken against, the very act of which, feeble as it was, reflects upon his resting ashes immortal honours! Though it were but sling and stone in the hands of a stripling, the Goliah of religious intolerance, through such men and means honoured and blest of God, has received at least a check in his day. And although the mantle may have fallen upon other and abler shoulders, brother Williams is not without his reward for all his sufferings here; the eye of the Shepherd that never sleeps, saw his tears, for he like his master could weep. And the same Jesus who promised to be with the apostles, kept and loved him to the end. For a length of time previous to his death, he appeared to have entered into second childhood, but unlike many who appear to imbibe the crabbed temperament in that stage of life, his was quite the reverse, embracing the innocence with the docility of the lamb; making however, from the enfeebled state of his mind and body, both a heavy care upon his companion, also aged, having to be watched, led, and fed like a child; but true to her promise, she loved and cherished him till death, thus securing to herself the respect of the world, as she will doubtless meet with her reward in heaven. Thus ended the days of him whose feeble hands assisted in placing the foundation stones upon which the New Connexion have been

for some time laboring to build the principles of moral reform in Canada.

Question IX. *How are the preachers stationed this year?*

Answer. In the following order:—

LONDON DISTRICT.

London, ...W. McClure, D. Savage.
Waterford, ...J. Bell, J. Doel; W. Ramage, *Supernumerary*.
St. Thomas, ...N. C. Gowan, R. Johnston.
Norwich, ...B. Haigh; E. Vannorman *Sup.*
Malahide, ...E. Williams; I. Haney *Sup.*
Howard, ...H. Wilkinson, one to be sent.
London, North, ...W. Preston.
Blanshard, ...J. Oates.
Goderich Mission, ...T. O. Adkins.
W. McClure, Chairman.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Hamilton, ...T. T. Howard; J. Brennan, *Supernumerary*.
Ancaster, ...J. B. Kershaw, J. Crawford; C. Cope, *Supernumerary*.
Welland Canal, ...D. Bettes; T. Rump, and F. Haynes, *Supernumeraries*.
Barton, ...J. Shaw, C. Childs, W. Bothwell, *Supers;* Br. Shaw to change once a month, during the next three months, with Br. Scott at Galt.
Nassagaweya, ...J. C. Watts, J. Scott.
Cayuga, ...J. Vining, under superintendence of the Hamilton preacher.
Lake Erie Mission, ...F. G. Weaver.
T. T. Howard, Chairman.

OWEN SOUND DISTRICT.

Arthur, ...J. Shilton.

Durham, ...One to be sent—under superintendence of Arthur preacher.
Sydenham, ...J. Baskerville, one to be sent.
John Shilton, Chairman.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Toronto, ...T. Goldsmith.
Yorkville, ...J. McAllister, under superintendence of Toronto preacher.
Whitchurch, ...J. Caswell.
Trafalgar, ...T. M. Jefferies, one to be sent, J. Bell, *Supernumerary*.
Caledon, ...G. Langford.
Brock, ...C. Curry.
T. Goldsmith, Chairman.

CAVAN DISTRICT.

Cavan, ...W. Gundy.
Manvers, ...W. Robinson, W. Webb.
Newcastle, ...J. Wilkinson; B. P. Brown, *Supernumerary*.
Prince Edward, ...J. Histon, C. Duff.
J. Wilkinson, Chairman.

JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.

Lansdown, ...W. Barnett.
Elizabethtown, ...J. Simpson.
Oxford, ...David D. Rolston.
Crosby, ...T. Reid, A. Wright.
Drummond, ...J. Hales.
Fitzroy, ...J. C. Warren.
Marlbro .....J. Gaddis.
J. Hales, Chairman.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

Stanstead, ...One to be sent.
Stukley, ...T. Ogden.
Bolton, ...F. Hunt.

Dunham,.....L. P. Adams.
Henrysburgh,.....O. Whitcombe.
Potton,.....H. Bursall.
L. P. Adams, Chairman.

CONNEXIONAL OFFICERS.

J. H. ROBINSON, ...*General Superintendent.*
W. MCCLURE, ...*Assistant do.*
T. LOTTRIDGE, ...*Treasurer of the Connexion.*
R. H. BRETT, ...*Financial Secretary.*
T. T. HOWARD, ...*Mission Secretary.*

The Conference sanctions the following appointments and arrangements of the stationing committee:—

1. That the Whitchurch circuit pay its preacher at least £45 as salary for this year.

2. That the appointment to London is made with the understanding, that the preachers stationed on the circuit occupy the town pulpit alternately.

3. That Montreal be not included in our stations this year, but that the Rev. Wm. McClure proceed thither to ascertain what are the probabilities of organizing a church in that city; and should he, in conjunction with the Annual Committee, consider the prospects of a sufficiently encouraging nature, he shall form a society, the supply of which with ministerial labour, shall be intrusted to the Annual Committee for the year; and the place of Mr. McClure at London, while engaged at Montreal, shall be supplied by the General Superintendent, or another acceptable supply.

4. The chairman of the Johnstown District, in conjunction with Br. Simpson, will make immediate arrangements for the ordination for special purposes of Br. W. Barnett.

CIRCUITS.	Chapels	Chap Build.	Classes	Congrega.	Ct Preach	L. Preach	Members	On Trial.	M. of Con	Deaths.	Removals.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch.	S. S. Teach.
Ancaster,	4	..	8	9	2	3	146	12	900	1	18	2	120	23
Arthur,	2	...	5	12	1	1	60	9	300	...	3	3	110	15
Brock,	1	...	4	8	1	2	48	2	157	...	5	2	56	5
Bolton,	..	.	3	9	1	2	78	11	300	...	5	2	50	7
Barton,	3	1	4	4	1	..	83	7	180	1	2	1	30	6
Cavan,	4	.	14	16	1	3	168	4	1000	1	16	...	.....	....
Caledon,	3	1	11	13	1	2	86	9	412	1	6	4	110	57
Cayuga,	1	...	7	11	1	1	80	2	350	1	2	...	.....	....
Crosby,	1	...	7	13	2	1	149	7	545	...	22	4	123	22
Dunham,	3	...	6	14	1	4	140	8	670	...	....	...	.....	....
Durham,	..	...	3	9	1	...	22	....	250	...	....	1	40	3
Drummond,	..	...	4	10	1	1	56	5	327	...	....	...	.....	....
Elizabethtown,	...	2	8	9	1	3	168	....	400	1	2	5	130	21
Fitzroy,	..	...	...	6	1	...	22	...	90	...	....	...	.....	....
Hamilton,	1	...	4	1	1	...	60	3	250	...	3	1	100	13
Henrysburgh,	1	...	6	10	1	...	46	7	111	...	....	...	.....	....
Howard,	...	..	9	11	2	2	114	....	650	1	....	6	225	44
Lake Erie Mission	..	...	2	8	1	...	38	6	290	...	....	1	19	2
London,	2	...	12	8	2	9	226	6	600	2	18	4	310	50
London North,	1	2	6	15	1	1	140	4	575	...	6	3	.....	....
Lansdown,	2	..	8	13	2	3	150	20	635	2	4	4	135	25
Malahide,	1	1	6	8	1	1	153	28	500	2	....	2	45	12
Manvers,	3	...	20	18	2	5	259	19	1000	1	19	1	45	4
Marlborough,	1	..	4	7	1	...	95	11	250	...	...	1	55	5
Nassagaweya,	5	3	11	11	2	3	284	26	700	6	12	4	200	18
Newcastle,	3	...	5	10	1	2	79	2	300	3	14	2	.....	....
Norwich,	...	...	3	8	1	6	53	3	300	1	....	...	.....	....
Oxford,	1	..	6	9	1	1	67	24	677	...	6	4	175	18
Potton,	2	..	4	8	1	3	50	....	500	1	5	11	300	50
Prince Edward	3	..	9	14	2	3	*249	24	700	1	32	2	.....	....
Staustead,	..	..	5	9	1	1	60	9	300	...	2	3	110	15
Sydenham,	2	...	10	12	1	3	140	7	400	...	4	..	.....	....
Stuke'y	...	...	4	9	1	...	64	4	330	...	4	3	80	14
St. Thomas,	4	...	11	17	1	6	163	....	700	6	17	2	67	12
Toronto,	1	...	5	1	2	..	83	8	150	2	4	1	67	7
Trafalgar,	5	1	13	17	2	2	225	25	1136	...	31	4	185	27
Waterford,	1	2	9	10	1	2	200	60	760	3	8	1	...	....
Welland Canal,	3	...	10	14	2	1	140	....	486	5	12	1	50	6
Whitchurch,	2	..	6	6	1	..	61	....	300	...	....	...	.....	....
York,	2	...	2	3	1	2	21	....	150	...	6	2	60	6
Godrich,	..	..	...	....	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	....	...	.....	....
Total,	68	13	172	400	51	79	4466	356	18631	42	289	87	2997	457

* By mistake fifty members were returned for this Circuit for 1852, more than the actual number. Increase of Membership for 1853 is 317.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

1. That the Rev. T. T. Howard preside over the deliberations of this Conference.

2. That the Rev. Wm. McClure be the Secretary of Conference.

3. That the Rev. Henry Wilkinson be the Recording Secretary.

4. That the Rev. J. C. Watts be the Conference Reporter.

5. A communication having been received from the Rev. T. Brown, containing the resignation of his office of itinerant Minister among us, the Conference regrets that he has felt himself called upon to abandon the itinerant work ; but as his decision is fixed, the Conference accepts his resignation, expressing its hope that he may still be useful to the Connexion as a local preacher in the locality where he may reside.

6. That for the future all probationers, who may have been ordained for special purposes, shall, notwithstanding such ordination, be required at the end of their probation to be examined and received into full connexion according to discipline.

7. That a Mission be opened in the neighbourhood of Goderich, to be called the Goderich Mission, and that the

stationing committee be directed to station a Minister there at the present Conference.

8. That the resignation of J. G. Breakenridge having been presented to the Conference, resolved, That the resignation of Mr. Breakenridge be accepted, and that his ministerial and fraternal relations to us cease and determine.

9. That the Conference has heard with no small degree of interest and pleasure the excellent Report of the Eastern District, and the Conference directs its Secretary to write to the chairman of that District, assuring our brethren there of our unabated interest in their prosperity as a part of our Connexion, and affectionate sympathy with them in their trials and discouragements.

10. That in consequence of the increasing infirmities of Br. Rump, the Conference complies with his request to locate for the present year.

11. That Br. W. Bothwell's health still forbidding him to take the duties of a circuit, he be allowed to continue in his present local relations.

12. That in consequence of the delicate state of Brother John Bell's health, he be permitted to locate for the present year.

13. That the Conference deeply sympathises with Br. C. Childs, amid the heavy afflictions which have severed him from our itinerant work during the past year; and earnestly prays that at an early day providence may be pleased so far to restore his health, as to enable him to resume his place among us.

44. That the Owen Sound Circuits, namely, Arthur, Durham, and Sydenham, be formed into a district, to be called the Owen Sound District, and that the Stationing Committee be instructed accordingly.

15. That as great neglect and irregularity have existed in furnishing to Conference the answers to those questions of our discipline, Rule 12th, Section 6th, resolved, That in future all circuits failing to comply with said rule of discipline shall have no claim for any deficiency in the salaries of their preachers; and the Gen. Super. is requested to have the said questions printed, and supply each minister in charge with a copy, to lay before the April Quarterly Conference of each year.

17. That the discipline as now revised and amended be adopted as the law of the Connexion, and that it be remitted to the same committee as last year, namely, brothers McClure, Howard, Brett, James Bell, Aikman, and J. H. Robinson, to have it printed and published.

18. That the Rev. T. T. Howard be requested to draw up and publish a memoir of the late Rev. James Jackson.

19. That the Gen. Superintendent be requested to issue quarterly tickets for the use of those circuits that may require them.

20. That Beal's School House appointment be in future a part of the Malahide circuit.

21. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Conference, that it is the duty of superintendents of circuits to render to the Quarterly Conference of their several circuits a full account of any and all moneys that may be by them received and expended, or to be expended, for any connexional purposes whatsoever, and to make no contract for the expenditure of moneys without the concurrence and consent of their several Quarterly Conferences.

22. That the Trustees of our various chapels be requested to render a full statement of the affairs of their several trusts to the May Quarterly Meeting of each year.

23. The Rev. Luther Lee, the President of the Syracuse

Conference of the Wesleyan Methodists of the United States, having been deputed by that Conference to pay a fraternal visit to this Conference, and having been presented to the President, by whom he was most cordially welcomed; it was moved by the Rev. W. McClure, and carried—the Conference signifying assent by rising from their seats:—

That this Conference hails with fraternal pleasure the presence of the Rev. Luther Lee among us, the President of the Syracuse Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion in the United States, and as the representative of that respectable community, so consonant with our own in its principles of government, and that we invite Br. Lee to take a seat in our Conference.

This introduction of Br. Lee was followed by an appropriate address from himself, and after remaining with us for several days, and occupying the Conference pulpit at one of the services, the Conference at its last sitting, previous to his departure, further resolved:—

That this Conference is desirous of expressing the pleasure and profit we have received by the visit of the Rev. Luther Lee, to our assembly; we hail with deep satisfaction the existence and widely extending influence of the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion in the United States, so closely allied to us in doctrine, the government of the churches, and the objects for which they labour; and we do most cordially reciprocate the friendship of our Brethren across the lines, and it will yield us unfeigned pleasure to return their evidence of fraternity so cordially expressed by Br. Lee.

25. *Resolved*, That this Conference regard the drinking usages of the day as destructive of the best interests of society, and opposed to the progress and triumphs of christianity, and believing moral suasion to be incompetent to the

removal of this giant evil, we view with favor the efforts being made for a prohibitory law similar in its provisions to the Maine Law.

26. That the Revs. J. H. Robinson and J. Simpson, with Messrs. Aikman, Blake, and Hamilton, be the stationing committee.

27. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to our respected Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of the duties devolving on him, and that he be re-elected to that office.

28. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to R. H. Brett, Esq., for his efficient services as Financial Secretary, and that he be re-elected to that office.

29. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. T. Howard for his efficient services as Mission Secretary, and that he be re-elected to that office.

30. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Secretary and Recording Secretary for their valuable services to this Conference.

31. That the following brethren compose the Missionary Committee for the present year, namely: Revs. J. H. Robinson, McClure, Howard, Gowan, Goldsmith, and Hales, with Messrs. Burgess, Blake, Aikman, Brett, and J. Doel, Senior; and that the Rev. J. H. Robinson be chairman.

32. That the Chapel Committee for the present year be composed of the following brethren, namely: J. H. Robinson, N. C. Gowan, Aikman, Blake, and Brett.

33. That the Annual Committee be composed of the President, J. H. Robinson, with Messrs. Aikman, Blake, and Brett.

34. That the *Christian Sentinel* be confided to the management of Br. Howard, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Robinson,

during the present year, and that our Superintendents of Circuits now engage to exert themselves in its support and circulation.

35. That the Rev. T. Goldsmith write the address to the Connexion for the year 1854.

36. That the Rev. J. C. Watts write the address to the English Connexion for the year 1854.

36. That our next annual Conference be held in our Chapel in the City of Hamilton, on the first Wednesday in June, 1854, commencing at 10 o'clock in the morning.

ADDRESS

TO THE

CONNEXION.

DEARLY BELOVED,—

Through the mercy of a kind providence, we are once more permitted to assemble at our Annual Conference.

As Members of Conference, Ministers, and lay representatives, according to our usual custom, we address you, and we would do it with meekness and love, desiring to imitate the example of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in his salutations to his disciples, we say, "Peace be unto you."

The religious services of our Conference have been generally well attended; and we trust the word preached will prove a blessing to many, and the fruit may be seen after many days. We receive these holy influences with pleasure and delight, and hope the same will extend, not only through the provinces of Canada, but through all the world; then

shall the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ.

But in order to accomplish this glorious object, we would call for the co-operation of the Members and friends of our societies, whose zealous endeavours and fervent prayers, united with the holy and devoted energies of our ministers, shall shake the powers of hell, and liberate many a captive from the galling yoke of Satan. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God, who always causeth us triumph; and hath said that "every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and I alone will be exalted, in that day." Therefore brethren enlist heart and hand in the cause of God; and if the world should offer to you its temptations, in order to draw off your attention from His work, resist it, replying, as Nehemiah did when requested to desist from the re-building of the walls of Jerusalem, "I am doing a great work, I cannot come down." Resist the temptation of Satan with the same prompt and decisive answer! "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul; or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" We are sorry to record the decease of our aged friend and brother Elder James Williams, residing at the time of his death upon the Newcastle Mission. Regarding the history, life, and death of whom, we refer you to the Obituary, appended in these minutes. It is also painful to state, that some of our most worthy itinerant brethren have, through afflictions of various kinds, been obliged to desist travelling for the present, but humbly trust these afflictions may prove but temporary; and that all these brethren thus afflicted may soon be able, under God, to resume their labours. But we rejoice to state, that notwithstanding the inauspicious circumstances under which many of our minis-

ters labour, and Circuits are placed in this province, there appears upon a critical investigation of the state of the Connexion, a pleasing increase of between three and four hundred the past year; yet the harvest is truly great and the labourers ers are yet too few.

Let us pray therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He would send forth more labourers into His vineyard, while there is so much land to possess, and while there are so many urgent calls and claims made upon us, as a body, from various portions of the province of Canada. Persons becoming acquainted with our principles, and wishing to embrace them, it is of vital importance that we, as a body of ministers and members, make this matter a subject of special prayer to Almighty God, that He would send the much required *aid*. It is painful also, to learn that many of our devoted Missionaries have fallen short of the allowance made for them by the discipline of the church. We would therefore strongly impress upon the minds of our brethren and friends generally, the absolute necessity of supporting their ministers to the extent of their ability. It cannot be expected that ministers can labour, either with pleasure to themselves or profit to others, unless they are properly provided for in their temporal circumstances, and supported in their authority as ministers of Jesus Christ. Dearly beloved, permit us also to impress upon your minds the necessity of providing suitable places of residence for their families. It is scarcely possible to conceive the inconvenience experienced by some ministers' families in this respect. Although some of our circuits have nobly acted in this matter, yet many circuits remain unfurnished, consequently we deem it expedient to urge upon you the discharge of such imperative duty at once, that the coming year may record many instances of noble souled benevolence in this respect.

It is proper for us also to observe the signs of the times; We live in an age of advance, morally and scientifically. As far as we are concerned in this matter, our principles, as a denomination are before the public; and judging from past experience and present prospects, we have only to remark, that if true to our principles, to God, and one another, we have little to fear. Mutual rights are principles destined to conquer the world; and before whose mighty sway, weilded by skilful hands, civil or religious, monopoly must crumble to the dust. "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, but unto God the things that are God's.

We would also recommend to your notice the sustaining of the several funds of the Connexion, provisional for the old age of ministers, and other necessities of the Church. Truly the labourer is worthy of his hire, but when unfitted for labour, leave him not in despair.

We cannot conclude our remarks without reminding you of the obligations you are under to the rising generation. Death will inevitably remove your ministers one by one from the high position in which God has placed them. Hence from what source shall we anticipate a supply, or who are prepared to take up the "*mantle as it drops.*" Perhaps those we dandle upon our knees, instilling into their minds the love of the truth, that they may increase in wisdom as they increase in stature.

Sabbath Schools are consequently recommended as one great means of accomplishing this desirable end.

We would now conclude with an expression of our warmest thanks for all your past favours, and praying for an increased interest in your sympathies, your liberalities, and

your prayers. Encouraging you, however, in the thought that the Parent Society at Home are taking up the subject of erecting parsonages in Canada, into consideration, and other matters for your comfort and and prosperity. With such prospects before you brethren, take courage, live humble, pray much, and the very God of peace shall dwell richly in your hearts.

Signed, T. T. HOWARD, *President.*

W. McCLURE, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS

OF THE

CANADIAN CONFERENCE

TO THE

ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

RESPECTED AND DEAR BRETHREN,—

At the close of another Conference year, we find ourselves convened under circumstances of a most pleasing character, and in the possession of blessings which demand our fervent praise, and the consecration of our lives to the service of our compassionate and gracious Benefactor. We are (almost without an exception) in the enjoyment of good health —we have the confidence and affection of the people we represent,—and despite difficulties and trials are called upon to rejoice over a considerable amount of success.

Never was our course so clear. Never were our hearts more united. Never were our prospects so bright.

Every countenance is radiant with faith and hope, and

nerving ourselves for future conflict, we already hear in the distance the cry of penitence, denoting the subjugation of human hearts,—and the exulting shouts and joyous anthems of redeemed and regenerated souls.

We have lifted up the cross, and the halo of glory which encircles it, has caught the eye, and fixed the gaze, and melted the heart of many a wanderer; and now there are seen rallying around it, a host of purified and happy spirits determined never to let it go till it shall conduct them to the gates of glory, and become their passport to the throne of God, and the felicity of heaven.

Conscious of its attractions we are determined still to lift it up—to elevate it so high that the dim-sighted and distant may behold its glory, appropriate its blessings, and experience its life reviving power.

Brethren, pray for us, that our successs may be commensurate with our hopes, and the pleasure of the Lord prosper in our hands.

A numerical increase of 317 members and a very considerable augmentation of our funds during the year, indicate the presence of Jesus with us, and prove that the hearts of our people are in the work.

Most happy should we be could we report a greater increase, it would be more in accordance with our aspirations and hopes, still we rejoice, thank God, and take courage. We are convinced that our progressive increase will be gratifying to you. It cannot be otherwise. We have long participated in your bounty, been favored with you sympathies, and sustained by your prayers. And most earnestly and fervently we pray that you may receive a babtism of the Spirit such as shall create amongst you a sound and general revival

of religion, and result in an addittion of thousands to your ranks.

Though the broad Atlantic rolls between us, our hearts remain unsevered,—our energies and hopes are directed to one object—our means are similar—and we hope to rejoice with you in heaven over our united success.

We still admire and love you. Your difficulties, and trials, and triumphs are ours. We rejoice when you rejoice, and weep with you when you weep. You will be pleased to hear that our work is becoming more uniform, and consolidated. That discipline is more strictly enforced, and we trust that our admirable polity will be still more fully developed, so that our enemies may be constrained to acknowledge it just, wise, and Scriptural.

Our Conference has been a most harmonious and happy one. Though subjects of varied and vital importance have presented themselves, they have been taken up with that calmness and dignity, and discussed in that spirit of wisdom and love which should ever characterize the deliberations of such assemblies.

The religious services have been seasons of unusual power and profit. Our Conferential sittings have had an additional interest imparted to them by the presence of the Rev. Luther Lee, President of the Syracuse Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Conexion of America. His coming among us was hailed with delight, and the sentiments of fraternal affection expressed by him were most heartily reciprocated by us. He is an able and devoted advocate of our principles, and is doing good service in his native land to the cause of Christian liberty—and struggling with indomitable energy for the emancipation of the downtrodden and tortured slave.

May God grant him, and his coadjutors great success in their noble though arduous toils.

Our Superintendents continue to enjoy our confidence and affection, and we trust that we shall be permitted to labor long together in harmony and love.

And now dear Fathers and Brethren, we pray the Great Head of the Church to grant you abundant grace, to make you instrumental in the conversion of thousands of souls —and permit us to meet you at last in heaven.

Signed, T. T. HOWARD, *President.*

WM McCLURE, *Secretary.*

1853.

Dr. General Statement of the Chapel Relief Fund. Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To balance on hand last year		8	12	6	By remitted Mr. Schofield balance due him to a loan to Sullivan Chapel, Owen Sound...	9	14	8
To amount annual collection from the various circuits ending 1st June					By balance in Treasurer's hands	35	14	0
London 20 0								
Howard 6 3								
Malahide 2 6								
Toronto 31 6								
Newcastle 5 0								
Lansdown 5 1								
St. Thomas..... 11 1								
Waterford 10 0								
Barton 23 9								
Cavan 5 0								
Manvers..... 5 0								
Elizabethtown 2 6								
Henrysburg remited last year after account closed..... 8 0								
		6	15	8				
To an appropriation for the Mission department an annual grant order of conference.....		30	0	0				
	£	45	8	2	£	45	8	2

R. H. BRETT,
Financial Secretary.

Toronto, June 13, 1853.

Dr. General Statement of the Paternal Fund, 1853. Cr.

To annual appropriation from the parent connexion	£	s.	d.
	30	0	0
To amount of collections and subscriptions from the various circuits:			
London	31	3	
St. Thomas	7	6	
Norwich	24	10	
Blanchard	5	10	
Waterford	50	0	
Malahide	10	0	
	6	9	5
Hamilton	40	5	
Nassagaweya	36	7	
Cayuga	10	0	
Ancaster	53	0	
Barton	32	0	
Welland Canal	29	6	
	10	1	5
Toronto collection	43	4	
Mr. J. Good	20	0	
Rev. J. H. Robinson	10	0	
J. Doel	5	0	
R. H. Brett	2	6	
W. Sharpe	2	6	
J. E. Pell	2	6	
J. Westman	2	6	
J. Foster	2	6	
Caledon	13	11	
Brock	6	3	
Trafalgar	48	9	
	7	19	9
Cavan	7	4	
Newcastle	5	0	
Lansdown	14	7	
Crosby	24	0	
Manvers	20	0	
P. Edward	25	8	
Elizabethtown	7	6	
Fitzroy	6	1	
	5	10	2
Stanstead	22	4	
Bolton	10	0	
Dunham	7	3	
Stukely	20	0	
Potton	7	0	
Henrysburg for last year paid this year	8	3	
	3	14	10
	£63	15	7

By ballance due Treasurer	£	s.	d.
	1	7	4
By Br. James Bell	4	8	0
" C. Curry	4	16	0
" J. Shelton	4	8	0
" J. Hales	4	8	0
" W. Preston	3	12	0
" J. Oates	3	12	0
" F. Hunt	3	12	0
" J. Simpson	3	4	0
" J. Caswell	2	8	0
" A. Wright—48s. and 24s. 3d.	3	12	3
" F. G. Weaver	2	8	0
" T. Goldsmith	2	8	0
" T. Jeffry	2	8	0
" S. P. Adams	2	0	0
" W. Robinson	2	0	0
" T. Rump	2	0	0
" J. Wilkinson	2	0	0
" H. Bursall	2	0	0
" J. Breakenridge	2	0	0
" C. Childs	2	2	0
" B. Haigh	1	4	0
" D. D. Rolston	1	4	0
By balance in Treasurer's hands	0	14	0
	£63	15	7

Toronto, June 13, 1853.

R. H. BRETT, *Finan. Sec.*

1853.

Dr. General Statement of the Beneficent Fund. Cr.

To total amount of the Fund in the Treasurers hands:	£	s.	d.	By securities in the Treas hands, Mortgages, &c	£	s.	d.
					358	0	0
Securities on hand.....	380	19	4	Connexional Loans,.....	63	4	4
Cash on hand,.....	107	12	6				
	488	11	10	By Loans on personal securities in small sums			
To the Annual Grant from the Parent Society,....	30	0	0	payable Ent. on demand bearing interest,	187	13	3
To Cash received Ministers subscriptions: J. Kershaw 25s., D. Bettes 25s., J. Bell 25s., T. Rump 25s., J. Wilkinson 25s., J. Hales 25s., W. Curny 25s., T. Ogden 25s., J. Simpson 25s., J. Histon 50s. 2 years,.....	13	15	0	By cash in hand of the Treasurer, ...	0	13	5
To Cash received Circuit collections, subs., &c.: Yorkville 2s., Barton 3s. 1½d., London 20s., Cayuga 5s., Trafalgar 37s. 1d., St. Thomas 10s., Cavan 10s., Lansdown 7s., P. Edward 20s. 7d., Caledon 7s. 11d, Elizabethtown 10s Manvers 5s, Fitzroy 4s 6d., Toronto City Sub Mr. Good 100s, Rev. J. H. Robinson 10s., J. Doel 5s., R. H. Brett 10s., W. Sharpe 2s 6d, J. Foster 2s. 6d., Brock 3s. 9d., Hamilton, M. Aikman 10s.,.....	14	5	11	RECAPITULATION. Sec. on hand, 608 17 7 Cash on hand, 0 13 5	609	11	0
Interest account: To cash Received on this ac. interest on Loans col. to this date,.....	18	10	0				
To amount of interest added to the principal in small securities bearing interest,.....	34	8	3				
To cash received for Iron Safe, property of his Society, sold,.....	10	0	0				
	609	11	0		609	11	0

R. H. BRETT, *Finan. Sec.*

1853.

Dr. General Statement of the Mission Fund. Cr.

June 1, 1853.	£	s.	d.
To balance in Treasurer's hand last year		5	5 8
To Grant from the Parent Connexion by the Gen. Sup't	582	2	11
To cash received from Welland Canal circuit last year, after the account was closed		1	0 0
To cash received from Lansdown circuit last year, after the account was closed		1	8 6
To amount of the collection at the Anniversary of the Society		4	17 0
London District.			
London £80	5	5	
London & Blanchard	11	18	8
St. Thomas	19	9	2
Howard	10	7	1
Waterford	18	6	9
Norwich	21	17	8
Malahide	6	10	0
	168	14	9
Hamilton District.			
Hamilton	0	18	1
Ancaster	45	4	10
Barton	26	3	9
Nassagaweya	30	9	4
Cayuga	5	10	0

June, 1853.	£	s.	d.
By paid for printing Missionary Reports		13	11 8
" printing Trust Deeds, &c		5	8 6
" expense of interchange with Hamilton and Barton circuits, order of conference		3	14 0
" Rev. W. McClure postage, and travelling expenses, on account of the General Mission		2	0 0
" Rev. T. Goldsmith, journey to Owen Sound and Nassagaweya circuits		3	17 6
" Annual appropriation to Beneficent fund		30	0 0
" Annual appropriation to Paternal fund		30	0 0
" Annual appropriation to Chapel Relief fund		30	0 0
London District.			
London—			
Rev. W. McClure £28 15			
Rev. J. Caswell 11 5			
Blanchard—		40	0 0
Rev. J. Kershaw 30 0			
Additional app. 4 15			
		34	15 0
St. Thomas 10 0			
Travelling expenses to circuit 4 10			
Howard—		14	10 0
Rev. H. Wilkinson 20 0			
Travelling expenses to circuit 2 10			
Additional app. 1 10			
Waterford—		24	0 0
Rev. J. Bell		15	0 0
Norwich—			
Rev. B. Haigh 17 10			
Additional app. 6 0			
Malahide—		23	10 0
Rev. E. Williams 25 0			
Additional payment 2 5			
		27	5 0
Hamilton District.			
Hamilton—			
Rev. T. Goldsmith		15	0 0
Ancaster—			
Rev. J. Brennan 22 10			
Rev. W. Barnett 7 10			
Barton—		30	0 0
No app. to this circuit.			
Nassagaweya—			
Rev. D. Bettes 18 15			
Rev. J. Shaw 6 5			
Additional Mr. Bettes 15s., J. Shaw 5s. 1 0			
Cayuga—		26	0 0
Rev. W. Preston 20 0			
Additional payment. 2 10			
		22	10 0

Dr. General Statement of the Mission Fund—continued. Cr.

June, 1853.	£	s.	d
Welland Canal.....	£15	11	4
	123	17	4
Toronto District.			
Toronto.....	36	3	1
Yorkville.....	4	7	1
Caledon.....	11	8	6
Brock.....	22	19	5
Trafalgar.....	40	11	0
Whitchurch.....	25	0	0
	140	9	1
Cavan District.			
Cavan.....	21	2	1
Manvers.....	23	9	4
Newcastle.....	4	13	10
Prince Edward.....	16	11	3
	65	16	6
Johnstown District.			
Lansdown.....	19	12	6
Elizabethtown.....	24	16	10
Oxford.....	9	9	8

June, 1853.	£	s.	d.
Welland Canal—			
Rev. T. Rump..... £26 5			
Additional payment . 0 15			
Rev. J. Bell..... 8 15			
	35	15	0
Sydenham—			
Rev J. Baskerville.....	12	10	0
Durham—			
Rev. J. Breakenridge. 13 15			
Rev. J. Scott..... 13 15			
	27	10	0
Arthur..... 35 0			
Additional app..... 4 10			
Lake Erie—	39	10	0
Remitted Rev. F.G. Weaver..	8	0	0
Toronto District.			
Yorkville—Rev. T. Reid.....	20	0	0
Caledon—			
Rev. A. Wright..... 30 0			
Paid per acc. travelling to circuit £5, additional pay't. £2.. 7 0			
	37	0	0
Brock..... 35 0			
Expenses to circuit, 40s., additional payment, 90s..... 6 10			
Trafalgar—	41	10	0
Rev. T. Jeffries..... 22 10			
Additional pay't..... 1 5			
Rev. T. Langford.... 12 10			
	36	5	0
Whitehurch—Rev. C. Childs..	25	0	0
Cavan District.			
Cavan—			
Rev. W. Gundy 15 0			
Additional pay't..... 1 10			
Manvers—	16	10	0
Rev. W. Robinson... 18 15			
Rev. J. Doel..... 6 5			
Additional pay't..... 2 5			
Newcastle—	27	5	0
Rev. J. Wilkinson... 25 0			
Expenses to circuit.. 2 10			
Additional pay't..... 1 10			
Prince Edward—	29	0	0
Rev. J. Oates..... 26 5			
Additional pay't..... 1 15			
Rev. J. McAlister.... 8 15			
Additional pay't..... 0 10			
	37	5	0
Johnstown District.			
Lansdown—			
Rev. J. Shelton..... 25 0			
Additional pay't..... 4 10			
Rev. J C. Warren... 11 0			
	40	10	0
Elizabethtown—			
Rev. J. Simpson..... 25 0			
Additional pay't..... 2 0			
	27	0	0
Oxford—			
Rev. D. D. Rolston.. 30 0			
Additional pay't..... 6 0			
	36	0	0

Dr. General Statement of the Mission Fund—continued. Cr.

June, 1853.	£	s.	d.	June, 1853.	£	s.	d.
Crosby 16 8 4				Crosby—			
				Rev. J. Hales 22 10			
				Additional pay't. 2 0			
				Rev. J. Crawford 7 10			
					32	0	0
Drummond 9 7 11				Drummond—Paid Mr. Barry...	12	5	0
Fitzroy 5 11 10				Fitzroy—			
				Rev. T. Browne 15 0			
				Ex. to circuit 3 0			
Marlboro 1 11 0				Marlboro—			
	86	18	1	Rev. J. Geddes.....	20	0	0
Eastern District.				*Eastern District.*			
Stanstead..... 4 0 4				Stanstead—			
				Rev. J. Histon..... 30 0			
				Expenses to Conference account of the district..... 5 0			
				Additional pay't..... 2 10			
Stukely..... 9 9 8½				Stukely—	37	10	0
				Rev. T. Ogden..... 25 0			
				Additional pay't. 2 15			
Bolton..... 7 19 7½				Bolton—	27	15	0
				Rev. F. Hunt..... 20 0			
				Additional pay't. 2 0			
Potton..... 4 10 9				Potton—	22	0	0
				Rev. H. Bursall..... 20 0			
				Additional pay't. 6 0			
Dunham..... 7 13 5				Dunham—	26	0	0
				Rev. L. P. Adams.... 25 0			
				Additional pay't. 2 5			
Henrysburg 6 11 4				Henrysburg—	27	5	0
	40	5	2	Rev. O. Whitcomb .. 25 0			
				Additional pay't. 2 0			
				Montreal—	27	0	0
				Appropriated for acc. supply.	50	0	0
				By paid on acc. printing discipline	17	10	0
				By postage 36s., telegraph messages 5s. 6d., stationery 5s. 6d.	2	7	0
				By bal. in Treasurer's hands,,	13	11	4
£	220	15	0	£	1220	15	0

R. H. BRETT,

Financial Secretary.

Toronto, June 13th, 1853.